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### Idaho Spring Wheat Production Increases 9 Percent

Based on conditions as of August 1, Idaho's spring wheat yield is forecast at 82.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushel per acre from the July 1 forecast and up 5 bushels per acre from 2009, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. If realized, this will be the highest spring wheat yield on record, 2 bushels per acre above the record. Production of 44.3 million bushels from 540,000 harvested acres is up 9 percent from last year. Idaho's winter wheat yield of 89.0 bushels per acre is up 2 bushels per acre from last month and up 8 bushels per acre from last year. Producers expect to harvest 740,000 acres of winter wheat with a total production of 65.9 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Barley production is forecast at 45.6 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year's 48.5 million bushels. Harvested acreage, at 480,000, is 30,000 acres less than last year. The expected yield of 95.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from last month and last year. If realized, this yield per acre would equal last year's record high. Sugarbeet production is expected to total 5.36 million tons from 170,000 harvested acres, down 4 percent from a year ago. Sugarbeet yield of 31.5 tons per acre is down from last year's 34.3 tons per acre. Alfalfa hay production is estimated at 4.67 million tons, a 2 percent decrease from 2009. The expected yield for alfalfa is at 4.1 tons per acre, down from last year's 4.2 tons per acre. Other hay production is expected to total 672,000 tons, down 9 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is estimated at 2.10 tons per acre, up from 2.00 tons per acre last year. Oat yield is forecast at 80.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month and last year. Oat production from 20,000 harvested acres is expected to total 1.60 million bushels, down 18 percent from a year ago. Dry bean production is expected to total 2.52 million cwt from 129,000 harvested acres, up 27 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the largest dry bean crop since 1994. Yield is forecast at 1,950 pounds per acre (clean basis), down 50 pounds from last year. Chickpeas, grown primarily in North Idaho, are included in the dry bean estimates. This year's chickpea planted acreage accounts for 40 percent of Idaho's dry beans. Idaho apple production is estimated at 70 million pounds, up 25 million pounds from 2009. Prune and plum production is expected to total 2,400 tons, up from last year's 2,000 tons. Idaho hop producers are expected to harvest 2,344 acres with a yield of 2,120 pounds per acre and production of 4.97 million pounds in 2010.

For the United States, all wheat production, at 2.26 billion bushels, is up 2 percent from the July forecast and up 2 percent from 2009. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 46.9 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and 2.5 bushels above last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record, 2.0 bushels above 2008. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.52 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and up slightly from 2009. The United States yield is forecast at 47.5 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month and up 3.3 bushels from last year. Spring wheat production is forecast at 633 million bushels, up 4 percent from last month and 8 percent above last year. The yield is forecast at 46.6 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels above last month and 1.5 bushels above 2009. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record, 1.5 bushels above the record set last year. Barley production for 2010 is forecast at 184 million bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 19 percent from 2009. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 72.3 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from the July 1 forecast but down 0.7 bushel from a year ago. Harvested acres is forecast at 2.55 million acres, down 18 percent from 2009 and the lowest since 1883. Oats production is forecast at 87.2 million bushels, 1 percent below the July 1 forecast and down 6 percent from 2009. Dry bean production is forecast at 30.7 million cwt for 2010, up 21 percent from last year. Production of sugarbeets for the 2010 crop year is forecast at 32.4 million tons, up 10 percent from last year and 21 percent above 2008. Corn production is forecast at a record high 13.4 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the previous record set in 2009. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 165.0 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last year's record of 164.7. Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 72.5 million tons, up 2 percent from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 81.4 million tons, up 7 percent from last year, and if realized will be the second highest production level on record. Prune and plum production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 13,400 tons, down 28 percent from last year. The apple forecast for the 2010 crop year is 9.48 billion pounds, down 4 percent from last year. Hop production in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 66.1 million pounds for 2010, down 30 percent from last year's 94.7 million pounds.

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